



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Did You Know...

- ⌘ NOAA manages more than \$70 million a year for a wide array of fisheries, ocean, coastal, climate, and atmospheric programs in Hawai'i?
- ⌘ Hawai'i has the 3rd largest concentration of NOAA facilities outside of its headquarters in Washington, D.C., with over 20 offices and 500 employees? Pacific wide: Over 30 offices and 700 employees!
- ⌘ NOAA's only Weather Service Office south of the Equator is in Pago Pago, American Samoa?
- ⌘ NOAA's day begins and ends in the Pacific (Guam and American Samoa)?
- ⌘ The largest coral habitat in the world is co-managed by NOAA - the *Papahānaumokuākea* (pronounced Pah-pah-HA-now-mo-koo-AH-kay-ah) Marine National Monument (the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands)?
- ⌘ NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service protects Hawaiian monk seals, humpback whales, sea turtles, and other endangered and threatened species?
- ⌘ NOAA's Honolulu Forecast Office provides daily weather forecasts ranging from high surf and heat index to hurricanes and blizzards, and covering 13 climate zones?
- ⌘ NOAA has a program addressing...ocean trash? The NOAA Marine Debris Program was established in 2005, and since then has funded 13 projects totaling over \$1.5 million for the Pacific Islands region.
- ⌘ NOAA has a Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Discovery Center in Hilo on the Big Island of Hawai'i? The Mokuapāpapa Discovery Center is run by staff of the *Papahānaumokuākea* National Marine Monument.
- ⌘ There are two hurricane warning centers in the U.S. and one of them is on the University of Hawai'i Mānoa campus - NOAA's Central Pacific Hurricane Center? The other is the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables, Florida.

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- ⌘ In 1972, the NOAA Commissioned Officers Corps became the first uniformed service to recruit women on the same basis as men?
- ⌘ NOAA and the State of Hawai'i jointly manage a sanctuary to protect humpback whales and their habitat in Hawai'i? The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary is one of 13 national marine sanctuaries in the United States.
- ⌘ NOAA's Mauna Loa Observatory on the Big Island has the longest running record of CO₂ (a greenhouse gas) measurements in the world?
- ⌘ One of the two U.S. tsunami warning centers is in 'Ewa Beach, Hawai'i – NOAA's Pacific Tsunami Warning Center? The other is the West Coast and Alaska Tsunami Warning Center in Palmer, Alaska.
- ⌘ NOAA operates the Tropical Atmosphere Ocean (TAO) array? It is a network of deep-ocean buoys at 67 sites along the Equator that collect ocean and atmospheric data used to predict the global climate phenomenon known as El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO).
- ⌘ NOAA is home to one of the nation's seven uniformed services - the NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps with approximately 300 officers, all scientists or engineers?
- ⌘ NOAA operates a fleet of 19 ships and 11 aircraft? Three of the ships are home-ported in Honolulu: the *Oscar Elton Sette*, the *Hi'ialakai*, and the *Ka'imimoana*.
- ⌘ Known historical shipwrecks in Hawai'i date as early as 1822, and NOAA's Maritime Heritage Program is the only agency actively investigating maritime archaeology resources in the Hawaiian Islands? This effort includes resource survey, preservation, and public outreach and education.
- ⌘ NOAA Pacific Services Center supports regionally relevant services, products, and information that are respectful of culture and tradition, and that understands the vital roles they play in the resilience and sustainability of Pacific coastal and ocean communities, economies, and natural resources?

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